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Memo to File:

Re: Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.  
Ute-32 Gilsonite Mine  
ACT/047/008  
Utah County, UT *they need me!*

The proposed mine site was inspected on February 7, 1978 by Jim Smith and Mike Thompson from the Division, Jim Paugh, Reality Specialist from the Vernal BLM Office, and Bud Covington from Hiko Bell Mining Company. Ziegler proposes mining of gilsonite with vertical shafts, making use of a hoist house and a small stockpile.

The <sup>ex</sup>existing road was graded and a small stockpile area cleared and leveled. The road is built, for the most part, in the bottom of the draw, and hence has potential for severe erosion. The road would be unacceptable, but as it was preexisting, there is no need for another road to be built. Drainage facilities such as waterbars must be built and maintained. Majority of the road is located on BLM administered lands and Ziegler is applying for a BLM right of way. A copy of the environmental assessment will be forwarded to Ziegler to facilitate this. A hydrologic study was conducted and design criteria made for the stockpile and road as to pass the 10 year 24 hour flood.

The life of the project is ten (10) years but the maximum disturbance at one time will be two (2) shafts, a hoist house, a stockpile, and the road. Areas of disturbance are documented in the mining plan. Mining will progress along the vein and the surface facilities moved over time. At most, each site will be used four (4) years.

If the provisions outlined in a letter to Bud Covington are met, the Division will accept a Declaration of Exemption, as crews are waiting to begin work. In the meantime, the environmental assessment will be written and we will proceed with the standard approval process for the entire project. Division of State Lands and the Archeologist have been contacted in this matter.

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